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It begins to appear as though the Illinois legislature will remain in session all summer.

Let the extra session be short and sweet, and it will be all the sweeter if it is shorter.

What a grand opportunity Attorney-General Olney has before him in the Standard Oil Trust.

The war between China and Japan has ended. In the peace negotiations Japan has had everything her own way.

That sublime specimen of an all-round crank, Altgeld, of Illinois, would make a first-class head for the Populists national ticket next year.

What's the matter with the Democrats giving their Moses, Cleveland, another nomination? He seems to be the only available man they have.

One of the best features of Cleveland's sound money letter is, that it has the hearty endorsement of the substantial business men of the country. With the exception of a corporal's guard of free silver cranks, the letter has the approval of the entire country.

"COIN'S FINANCIAL SCHOOL," is the title of a book that is causing considerable comment just now. It is called the silver primer, and its mission is to educate the voters in the free silver doctrine. We are of the opinion that the American people have gotten beyond the primer and are way up in the fifth reader in the matter of financial study.

If the Democrats are sincere in their anxiety to enact the laws in extra session of the Missouri legislature that they opposed during the regular session, they will make haste to fall in with the majority in the lower House, and make the extra session as short as possible. Bull-dozing and time killing tomfoolery, that was so general on the Democratic side of the House last winter, should be promptly put upon.

The Standard Oil Trust has just given another exhibition of its power and has virtually crushed out all competition. The price of oil was forced up until it reached a point high enough to involve every competitor of the trust and then let go, and the small fry speculators went under in the crash. It might be said that the whole world is now within the grasp of the trust. Free oil no longer has any terrors for the trust, since it has entered into a combination with the Russian oil producer, the only foreign competitor it had to fear. The trust is now in a position where it can levy tribute from the consumer at will and it is needless to say that it will be ready to take advantage of the opportunity, and millions of dollars will flow into the pockets of the holders of oil trust stock.

SINCE we have been in the newspaper business, we have, from personal observation and experience, arrived at the conclusion that the man who transgresses our social laws, especially if his family connections are eminently respectable, has a greater dread for newspaper notoriety than he has for the law courts. Once his infraction discovered, his first move is to the office of the local paper to suppress publication, and if successful in this he will go through the process of the courts with nonchalance, knowing that the history of his wrongdoing will be confined to the narrow limits of locality. A metropolitan paper can, of course, publish such items regardless of the position of the parties concerned, and were it suppressed in one paper it would certainly appear in another. But in small towns where people usually go in clans, the editor of a paper must exercise considerable finesse to avoid clashing with the different elements. In fact, he must consider whether it is well for his business interests before he publishes certain items of news.

Rye has gone up from 38 cents to 75 cents per bushel. In liquid form the price remains as heretofore, however.

The St. Louis Republic talks sense when it gives voice to such sentiments as these:

"Business ought to have a little rest from the violent agitation of questions which affect the movements of trade and the status of contracts. Agitations of financial questions are often necessary to readjust relations which have become oppressively wrong. When they are unnecessary and unproductive, business cannot properly ask why politicians cannot remain quiet for a few months. ***"

This advice coming from the leading Democratic paper in Missouri to the Democratic party, which is the party that is continuing this unnecessary discussion of financial and kindred subjects, should be heeded. Let business have a chance to recover from the disturbing influences that have been at work for the past three or four years. A doctor does not try to cure a patient by continually talking over his troubles with him, but gives him a dose of medicine and allows it to take effect before he talks about trying another remedy. And so it is with the business interests of our country. The Democratic party has administered its dose and should now stand back and watch the effects before it tries another. It might also be well to add that it is sometimes unwise to dose a man with medicine because he imagines he is sick, for he might form the drug habit, and thereby throw his whole system out of gear. The drastic doses the Democracy wants to administer to our laws might have a baneful effect.

A Party Without a Leader.

There is manifest force in the declaration of a prominent statesman that the supreme misfortune of the Democratic party at the present time is the want of a leader. The members of the organization are like an army that has lost its commander and scattered in all directions for lack of a master spirit to unite the various fragments and make them practically effective. In the nature of things, President Cleveland should be his party's leader, but he is not recognized as such. On the contrary, he is regarded by the majority of Democratic voters as a man who has abandoned the principles upon which he was elected and forfeited his claims to confidence and support. He is strong with a certain element of the party, but it is not the element that counts for most at the ballot-box. Almost all of the conspicuous Democrats of the country are against him for one reason and another, and he gets more praise from Republican than from Democratic newspapers. It is obviously impossible for him to bring about coherence and harmony in the broken ranks of his party. He is more of a disturber than a coalescer, so to speak, and every step that he takes tends to increase the discord and uncertainty.

In the list of other well-known Democrats who might be supposed to possess qualities of leadership, there is not one who merits serious consideration. The fact that Vice-President Stevenson is put forward in this relation goes to show the discouraging nature of the outlook. He represents nothing more than respectable mediocrity, and has never done anything to justify a belief in his ability to reorganize a demoralized party and lead it to victory. Senator Hill is a man of considerably more political sense and influence, but was terribly beaten in his own State last year; Senator Gorman is a skillful manipulator within certain limits, but his capacity is not equal to the present emergency. And so it is as to all the rest of those from among whom a leader must be chosen if the party is to have one. They are leaders only in a restricted and inferior sense. The gift of solving large and difficult problems, of concentrating random energies, of inspiring party activity and determination, does not belong to them. They are all sadly defective in essential

respects. The party is disordered and bewildered for want of a man with sufficient wisdom to put it in the way of overcoming its misfortune and regaining its potentiality as a factor in politics. It is without a leader, that is to say, and a party without a leader is a party that has nothing to expect but defeat.

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ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

STATE OF MISSOURI, ss.
County of Washington, ss.
In vacation, April 17, 1895, in the Circuit Court of Washington County, to August term, 1895, The State of Missouri, at the relation and to the use of M. M. Flynn, collector of the revenue of Washington County, in the State of Missouri, plaintiff, against

Do E. WOOD

and all unknown persons interested in the real estate herein described defendants.

At this day comes the plaintiff herein, by his attorney, before the clerk of the circuit court in vacation, and files his petition and affidavit, alleging among other things, that D. E. Wood, defendant herein, is not a resident of the State of Missouri. Plaintiff further states that said non-resident and unknown persons interested in the real estate herein described cannot be summoned in this action by the ordinary process of law. Whereupon it is ordered by the clerk in vacation that order of publication be made that said defendants be notified that plaintiff has commenced suit against them in this court, the object and general nature of which is to enforce the lien of the State of Missouri for back taxes due for the year 1893 on the following real estate belonging to said defendants, to-wit:

No. 1—79-82, 10 acres east half southeast quarter section 21, township 35, range 1 east.

No. 2—30 acres west half southwest quarter section 22, township 35, range 1 east.

An itemized statement in the nature of a tax bill, showing the amount of taxes and costs now due on said real estate, for the year aforesaid, amounting in the aggregate to the sum of ten dollars, is filed with said petition and made a part thereof, and that unless the said defendant be and appear at this court at the next term thereof, to be begun and holden at the court house in the town of Potosi, in said county, on the 25th day of August, 1895, and on or before the sixth day of said term, if the term shall so long continue, and if not, then on or before the last day of said term, answer or plead to the petition in said cause, the same will be taken as confessed, and judgment will be rendered accordingly. And it is further ordered that a copy hereof be published according to law, in the Potosi Journal, a weekly newspaper published in said County of Washington and State of Missouri.

W. M. BENNETT, Clerk.
State of Missouri, County of Washington, ss.—J. W. M. Bennett, Clerk, hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy as the same appears of record in my office. Given under my hand and seal of office, in Potosi, this 17th day of April, A. D. 1895.

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